

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: **Natalie C. TWINE et al.**  
Application No.: **10/717,597** Art Unit: **1639**  
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For: **METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING RCC AND OTHER SOLID TUMORS**  
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SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2007. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response. A request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with the fee set forth in § 1.17(e) is also enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.